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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Richard Brussel  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PICKING UP A PLASTIC PRODUCT  
Appl. No.: 10/623,708  
Filing Date: 7/22/2003  
Examiner: Nicholson III, Leslie August  
Art Unit: 3651  
Confirmation No.: 4928

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☒ Please enter and consider the amendment and/or reply previously filed on December 19, 2006.

☐ Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_ but not considered.

☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply previously filed on \_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

☒ Credit Card Payment Form.

☐ Amendment/Reply.

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☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s).

01 FC:1001  
02 FC:1251

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120.00 OP

☐ Information Disclosure Statement.

☐ Form PTO/SB/08 with copies of \_\_\_ listed reference(s).

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

|                  | Claims as Amended | Previously Paid For                                  | Extra Claims Present | Rate              | Fee Totals |
|------------------|-------------------|--|----------------------|-------------------|------------|
| RCE Fee 1.17(e): |                   |  |                      |                   |            |
| Total Claims:    | 16                | - 20   | = 0                  | x \$790.00        | = \$790.00 |
| Independents     | 4                 | - 4  | = 0                  | x \$200.00        | = \$0.00   |
|                  |                   | First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims: | +                    | \$360.00          | = \$0.00   |
|                  |                   |  |                      | CLAIMS FEE TOTAL: | = \$790.00 |

[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

|       |   |            |   |          |
|-------|---|------------|---|----------|
| [ X ] | Extension for response filed within the first month:      | \$120.00   | 1 | \$120.00 |
| [ ]   | Extension for response filed within the second month:     | \$450.00   |   | \$0.00   |
| [ ]   | Extension for response filed within the third month:      | \$1,020.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| [ ]   | Extension for response filed within the fourth month:     | \$1,590.00 |   | \$0.00   |
| [ ]   | Extension for response filed within the fifth month:      | \$2,160.00 |   | \$0.00   |
|       | EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:                                   |            |   | \$120.00 |
|       | EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:                               |            |   | \$0.00   |
|       | EXTENSION FEE TOTAL                                       |            |   | \$120.00 |
|       | CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:                           |            |   | \$910.00 |
| [ ]   | Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract 1/2 of above):          |            |   | \$0.00   |
| [ ]   | Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) |            |   | \$0.00   |
|       | TOTAL FEE:  |            |   | \$910.00 |

A credit card payment form in the amount of \$910.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by the credit card payment form being unsigned, providing incorrect information resulting in a rejected credit card transaction, or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date 19 March 2007

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